

SPORTS

Two winners at once in India



New Delhi. The National Stadium. A scene from the USSR-India field hockey match.

The USSR and India triumphed in the first international field hockey tournament in the Indian capital in memory of Indira Gandhi.

The Soviet and Indian female players drew the final game 2-2 (1-2), and the organizers decided to share the title between them. The Indira Gandhi cup will be kept for the first six months in the Soviet Union and then will be taken to India.

Significantly, the tournament was opened in the capital's national stadium by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, while the awards to both teams were presented by Indian Vice-President Ramaswami Venkatarman in a ceremony attended by Indian government ministers, parliament deputies, and the Soviet Ambassador to India Vasily Rykov.

Chief Soviet coach Mikhail Ostashev was satisfied with his charges' showing in that representative tournament which also drew China, West Germany, Zimbabwe and Japan. At the close of a busy season they creditably passed a severe test, including in the game versus the well-prepared Indian team, he stressed. I would single out for special praise our striker Natalia Krasnikova who was voted the top attacker of the tournament with 15 goals.

We are happy with the win we share with the Indian side and scored on a birthday of outstanding political and public Indian figure Indira Gandhi. We will gladly come for the cup next year.

Chess: most teams retain chances of success

The first ever world chess championship is already half way through in Lucerne, Switzerland, but it is still impossible to name possible winners. After five rounds at least eight of the ten participants retained chances for the title. The top three were the USSR, Hungary and England with 20 (1), 19 and 19 points respectively. Breathing down their necks are Romania, France and China. While the USSR, Hungary and England were ranked as strong favourites well in advance of the tournament, the other teams' showing is a mild sensation.

The Soviet team is led by Anatoly Karpov, world ex-cham-

ption, backed by Artur Yusupov, Rafael Vaganian, Andri Sokolov, Alexander Beliavsky, Vasily Smyslov, Alexander Chernin and Lev Polugayevsky.

Of his four games against the Jingsan of China (who plays the French team) and Boris Spassky, Karpov won two, drawing with Mihaly Suba of Romania and Lajos Portisch of Hungary. Vaganian also played four games and polled 3.5 points.

In the next four rounds the USSR plays Switzerland, Africa, England and West Germany.

Viktor BAKEN, chess observer

'GOLDEN BOOT' FOR GOMES

Portugal's Porto club striker Fernando Gomes was awarded "Golden Boot" prize for the 1984-85 top European striker. The award was instituted 18 years ago by the French "France-Football" weekly.

He got the award for a second time. The current award was presented to him by a

once very popular player Emilio, Gomes scored 30 goals. The "Silver Boot" was awarded to Martin McCohay from Northern Irish Linfield with 31 goals, and the "Bronze Boot" was given to Yugoslav Vahid Halilhodzic (28), who is now with the French Nantes.



Winners of the "France-Football" weekly (left to right): Martin McCohay, Fernando Gomes and Vahid Halilhodzic. Photo Reuters-TASS

USSR IN THE FINALS

The under-16 Soviet football side drubbed Cyprus 5-0 in Tallin to make the European championship finals. They also won the away game 4-0. The finals will be held in Greece next April.

FOOTBALL: Spartak take silver

Moscow Spartak defeated Minsk Dynamo 3-0, one of hot award favourites, to place second in the national football championship. Kiev Dynamo won the title.

On November 27 and December 11 Spartak and Dnepropetrovsk Dnepr will take on at home French Nantes and Yugoslav Hajduk respectively in the UEFA 1/8 first-leg games.

JENNINGS UNDECIDED

40-year-old Pat Jennings has been in Northern Ireland's goals on 113 occasions—a unique world record for a footballer. In his latest game, a clincher versus England in the world cup elimination tournament, he showed top standards with some dramatic saves. As Northern Ireland's coach Billy Bingham said, the side's Mexico pass was very much due to the veteran's excellent showing. So what does

Jennings himself think of his future?

Prior to the game with the English I had decided to end my career, he told the press. But now that we have won a final berth in a most gruelling competition I have decided to stay on for a while. I am not quite sure whether I'll be going to Mexico but Bingham has solicited that a lot. Many people wonder how I manage to stay so long in football. For that one

needs to love the game, to be good shape, and surely have the support of teammates. I always recollect my childhood's idol, Soviet goalkeeper Lev Yashin, who also guarded the posts until he was 40 — a brilliant example to emulate.

But one should have the inner feeling of the right thing to go, so as not to look funny in the eyes of fans. I have still some time to reflect on this, he added.

ON THE EVE OF ICE-HOCKEY BATTLES

There are only two rounds to go in the second stage of the Soviet national ice-hockey championship ending on November 29 before a break for the international "Izvestia" Prize tournament, to be held on December 10-21. Later Soviet clubs will play in various New Year tournaments.

Soviet fans are primarily focusing their sights on a forthcoming series overseas in which defending champions CAC and silver medalists Moscow Dynamo, current leaders in the national championship, will meet leading NHL sides. On December 26 CAC will meet Los

Angeles Kings, and also Edmonton Oilers on December 27, Quebec Nordiques on December 29, Montreal Canadiens on December 31, Saint Louis Blues on January 2, and Minnesota North Stars on January 4. Dynamo will play Calgary Flames on December 29, Pittsburgh Penguins on January 4, Boston Bruins on January 6, and Buffalo Sabres on January 8.

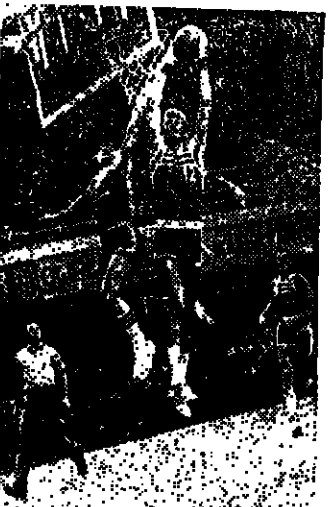
Soviet national team coaches Viktor Tikhonov and Vladimir Yurzinov see the forthcoming international games as a dress rehearsal for all candidates to the team for the world and European championships.

Tragic death of ice-hockey star

Well-known Swedish player Pelle Lindberg died in a road accident in a Philadelphia suburb when his speeding car rammed into a concrete wall. Despite frantic efforts of local clinic doctors who hooked him onto a life-supporting machine, he never regained consciousness. According to the doctors, nine of ten such cases end in instant death, but 28-year-old Lindberg had a strong organism which continued to function even after complete deterioration of the brain.

He was on the Swedish national team many times but lately played for Philadelphia Flyers and last year was voted the best NHL goalkeeper of the season. The accident occurred after celebrating a win with his teammates in a night bar.

Vladimir McMILLIN



Moscow CAC beat Dynamo (also of the capital) 101-81 in a recent national basketball championship encounter. Photo by Sergei Proskurov

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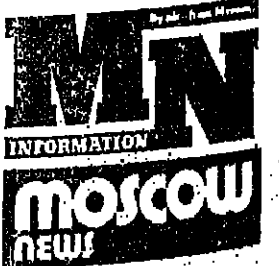
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CRUCIAL STAGE

Commenting on the Soviet-Swiss summit in Geneva, analyst Vitaly Grom writes:

We can hardly give an unusual assessment to the result of the talks. Both leaders agreed each other's position and agreed on the need to improve Soviet-American relations, on the whole, work out a healthier international system. Their meeting has set beginning of a permanent dialogue. However, major differences remain on key issues. It would be unrealistic to believe, after certain quarters have been spun, that very idea of a constructive dialogue with the Soviet Union for a number of years. It is possible to reach a comprehensive agreement over a period of time.

There has confirmed that Soviet Union has not missed opportunity in its efforts to remain away from the line. At the very last minute the American side has agreed the need to take into account in at least one of issues.

It is true that the agreements are still to be put into effect. The road to mutual understanding on the key issues is not an important condition in direction is adherence to understandings both sides agreed at Geneva.

Since 1952 an international contest of children's drawings is held annually by the Indian magazine "Shankar's Weekly" on the initiative of Indian artist Shankar Pillai. Soviet children invariably sent in their entries to this contest organized in honour of Jawaharlal Nehru. Over the years more than five thousand Soviet children have sent in pictures and 680 have won medals, diplomas and presents.

In 1984, Soviet children of school and pre-school age sent in pictures from Moscow, Leningrad, Elektrogil, Elektrostal, Chelyabinsk, and Kharkov. Recently prizes were presented to their winners at a ceremony held at the Moscow Friendship House.

The J. Nehru memorial medal went to Natasha Peregodova, from the "Vasilisa" art studio in the Krasnogvardeyskiy District House of Culture, in Moscow. Silver medals were presented to nine pupils and three kids of kindergarten No. 29 in Leningrad.

Gold medal for Moscow schoolgirl



India's Ambassador to the USSR, S. Nurul Hasan, and the Moscow schoolgirl Natasha Peregodova at the awarding ceremony. Photo by Mikhail Skvortsov

FREE SERGEI ANTONOV

STATEMENT BY SOVIET NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Soviet National Committee for the Release of Sergei Antonov issued the following statement:

On November 25, 1985, it was three years since Bulgarian citizen Sergei Antonov was arrested in Rome on false charges and placed in custody, thus becoming a victim of a dirty political

provocation of the forces of imperialism reaction and Western special services against socialist countries. What has happened since then shows that certain circles in the West staking on greater international tensions and anti-Communist hysteria, are demonstrating, in "the Antonov case", complete contempt for internationally accepted human rights and freedoms, standards of morals and humanitarianism and justice.

The three years of completely unjustified detention, continuing psychological stress and physical discomfort have seriously affected the state of S. Antonov's health.

There is a conviction growing among the progressive democratic public that the Rome trial is increasingly turning into a farce and a mockery of justice. The court is biased against Antonov. His right to defence is violated, and, no doubt, evaluations made in relation to the Bulgarian citizens are tendentious.

Retaliating that the charges against the Bulgarian citizens are groundless, the Soviet National Committee demands the immediate and unconditional release of Sergei Antonov as well as redress as regards his integrity and of all the others whose reputation has been smeared.

For Peace, International Cooperation



A part of cultural workers in the efforts to peace and international cooperation was subject of a session held in the Armenian Republic, by the Executive of the European Cultural Society (ECS). This non-governmental organization embraces more than two thousand scientists, scholars, writers, artists and public and political figures in 60 countries.

The Society is to promote the unravelling of human personality, advance and disseminate present spiritual treasures, and establish ties of friendship and solidarity among cultural workers of different countries, an MNI correspondent was told by the Society's President, Eppa Gelasso of Italy. I regard the outcome of Yerevan meeting as positive. We represent countries with different socio-economic systems, yet this did not prevent us from establishing mutual understanding or from seriously discussing contemporary cultural and political problems.

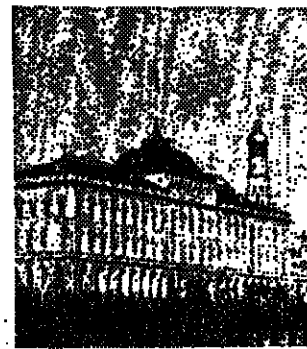
During the session we sent a cable to Mikhail Gorbachev and Ronald Reagan stating that the meeting between the leaders of the two great powers was a positive development and that it had a favourable effect on international relations, he added.

Prof. Field, Professor of Boston University and St. Paul, noted: "Executive coincided with the Geneva summit and although it was at a different level, the pursued is the same — to promote peace and progress. When we met in Yerevan, we did not make our own modest contribution to the prevention of nuclear war and so that the past and future of our planet will be assured."

Session participants, learning about Armenian architectural monuments.

Photo by Akop Petrosyan

Supreme Soviet to meet in session



The fourth session of the USSR Supreme Soviet — the 11th convocation — will meet in Moscow on November 28 and 29 to consider the 1986 State Plan for Economic and Social Development of the USSR, progress of the 1985 plan, as well as the 1986 USSR State Budget and a report on the 1984 Budget implementation.

Labour Party confirms stand on Trident nuclear missiles

London. The British Labour Party will renounce the purchase of the American Trident-2 nuclear missile system if elected, writes its leader Neil Kinnock in an article published in the "News of the World" newspaper.

The acquisition of the Tridents will increase Britain's nuclear arsenal at a time when they should be reduced, stressed Kinnock. If we give up this system, which costs at least eleven thousand million pounds, we can make our real contribution to the process of arms limitation, he noted, adding that he also favoured dismantling the Polaris nuclear missiles installed on British submarines.

The Labour leader sharply criticized the American "star wars" programme, describing as groundless assertions that it will drastically reduce the threat of nuclear war. He says the implementation of the programme will lead to colossal spendings and to the danger of another twist being added to the arms race.

FACTS and EVENTS

● The UN General Assembly has demanded that cultural values should be returned to their countries of origin. It has called for consolidation of the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property passed by the UNESCO General Conference.

● The racist South African Republic continues its direct aid to gangs of the so-called Mozambican National Resistance, says Marcelino dos Santos, the Central Committee Politbureau member of the Frelimo Party. Recent information shows that South African planes and helicopters constantly deliver weapons and ammunition to these terrorists operating in the provinces of Manica and Maputo.

USSR-USA:

Air links restored

Soviet-American talks on restoring regular air links between the Soviet Union and the United States have ended in Moscow.

It was agreed to resume, starting from April 1986, regular flights by Aeroflot and Pan American airlines with a frequency of up to four flights a week. Aeroflot will take flights from Moscow to Washington and New York and Pan American — New York to Moscow and Leningrad.

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